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WASHINGTON, November 7, 1991 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 2 totaled 327,395, down 6.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1990 and down 5.7 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Compared with a year ago, carloadings originated were down 3.5 percent in the East and down 10.0 percent in the West, where heavy snows restricted rail operations.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of grain fell by 4,960 cars (16.6 percent), coal loadings decreased 8,343 cars (6.1 percent), and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment loading rose by 1,363 cars (7.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 44 weeks of 1991 totaled 14,155,965, a decline of 5.1 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 137,854 trailers and containers for the week ended November 2, up 3.8 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of 1991 was 5,249,953 trailers and containers, 0.2 percent below the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended November 2 totaled 20.5 billion, down 4.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 44 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 864.7 billion ton-miles, down 1.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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# WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
## FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 1991

**CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP**

| COMMODITY | WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 1991 | COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990 | CHANGE | COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grain | 24,913 | 29,873 | -16.6 % | 29,888 | -16.6 % |
| Farm Products, Ex. Grain | 2,107 | 2,391 | -11.9 | 2,154 | -2.2 |
| Metallic Ores | 13,086 | 17,010 | -23.1 | 15,540 | -15.8 |
| Coal | 128,131 | 136,474 | -6.1 | 134,992 | -5.1 |
| Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel | 13,229 | 15,715 | -15.8 | 15,235 | -13.2 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 8,842 | 9,040 | -2.2 | 8,986 | -1.6 |
| Grain Mill Products | 9,844 | 10,251 | -4.0 | 10,030 | -1.9 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 9,016 | 9,115 | -1.1 | 9,296 | -3.0 |
| Primary Forest Products | 9,122 | 9,512 | -4.1 | 9,347 | -2.4 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 5,839 | 5,966 | -2.1 | 5,644 | 3.5 |
| Pulp, Paper & Allied Products | 9,867 | 10,276 | -4.0 | 10,189 | -3.2 |
| Chemicals | 28,014 | 29,301 | -4.4 | 29,040 | -3.5 |
| Petroleum Products | 5,116 | 5,157 | -.8 | 5,043 | 1.4 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 8,911 | 10,162 | -12.3 | 9,609 | -7.3 |
| Coke | 5,843 | 5,700 | 2.5 | 5,369 | 8.8 |
| Metals & Products | 10,359 | 10,673 | -2.9 | 9,904 | 4.6 |
| Motor Vehicles & Equipment | 18,949 | 17,586 | 7.8 | 19,849 | -4.5 |
| Waste & Scrap Materials | 8,710 | 9,000 | -3.2 | 9,170 | -5.0 |
| All Other Carloads | 7,497 | 6,711 | 11.7 | 7,994 | -6.2 |
| **Total** | 327,395 | 349,913 | -6.4 % | 347,279 | -5.7 % |

**SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES**

| TRAFFIC | WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 1991 1991 | 1990 | CHANGE | CUMULATIVE: 44 WEEKS ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 1991 1991 | 1990 | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Carloads Originated** | 327,395 | 349,913 | -6.4 % | 14,155,965 | 14,923,178 | -5.1 % |
| **Intermodal Traffic Originated** | | | | | | |
| Trailers | 71,156 | 72,964 | -2.5 | 2,733,229 | 2,931,638 | -6.8 |
| Containers | 66,698 | 59,870 | 11.4 | 2,516,724 | 2,329,431 | 8.0 |
| **Total** | 137,854 | 132,834 | 3.8 | 5,249,953 | 5,261,069 | -.2 |
| **Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)** | 20.5 | 21.4 | -4.2 % | 864.7 | 881.0 | -1.9 % |

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 44, 1991 - PLE.

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